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REMARKS

Claims 16-29 are presently pending and the Examiner indicated that claims 16-18, 20-22, 24 and 28 are allowable, for which the Applicant thanks the Examiner. Notwithstanding such indication, many of those claims are editorially revised to clarify the claimed subject matter thereof, but none of the entered amendments are believed to in any way effect the allowability of claims 16-18, 20-22, 24 and 28.

The Examiner objects to the drawing for certain informalities therein and the drawings are accordingly amended, per the attached Submission, to overcome the informalities noted therein. New Replacement Sheets of formal drawings, accompany this Submission, incorporate all of the requested drawing amendments. If any further amendment to the drawings is believed necessary, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

Claims 19, 23, 25-27 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons noted in the official action, but has indicated that claims 19, 23, 25-27 and 29 would be allowable if appropriately amended to overcome the raised rejection(s), for which the Applicant thanks the Examiner. The rejected claims are accordingly amended, by the above claim amendments, and the presently pending claims are now believed to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention, thereby overcoming all of the raised § 112, second paragraph, rejections. The entered claim amendments are directed solely at overcoming the raised indefiniteness rejection(s) and are not directed at distinguishing the present invention from the art of record in this case.

The Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all rejections of claims 19, 23, 25-27 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, and allow claims 19, 23, 25-27 and 29 as amended herein above.

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The above amended paragraph of the specification overcomes an informality noted therein. The undersigned avers that the amended paragraph does not contain any new subject matter.

If any further amendment to this application is believed necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable form, the Examiner is courteously solicited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s), as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated for this case.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

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Fig. 1

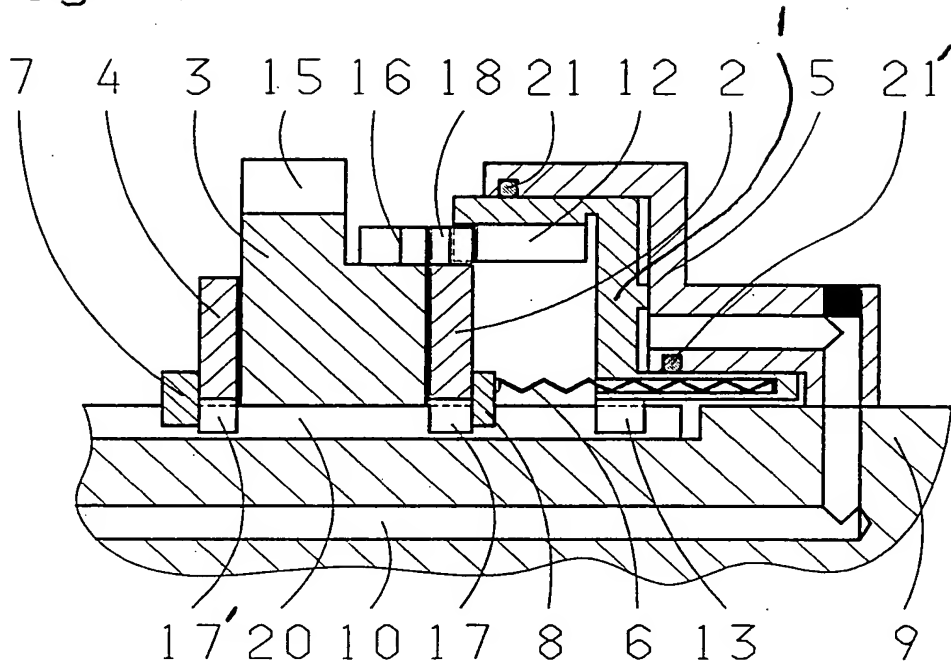


Fig. 2

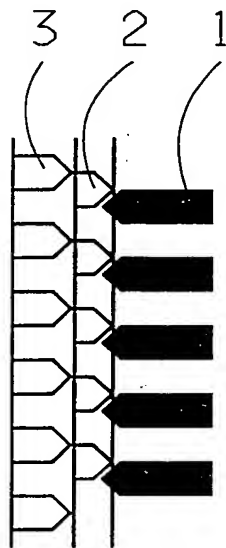


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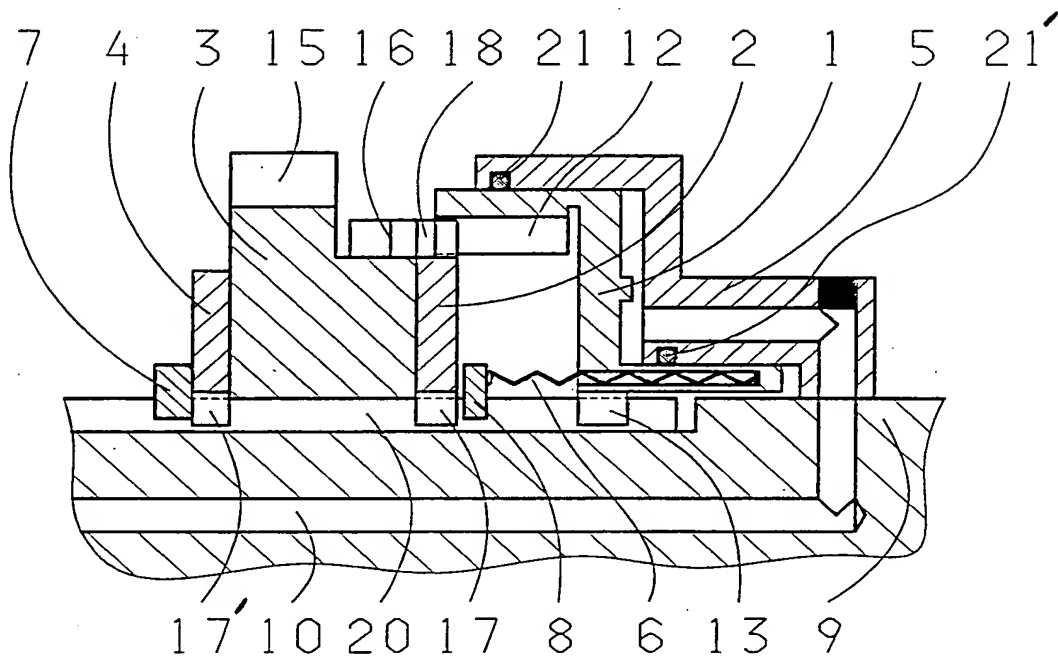
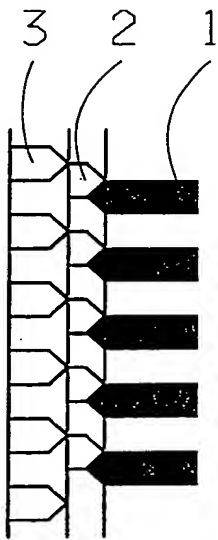


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Fig. 5

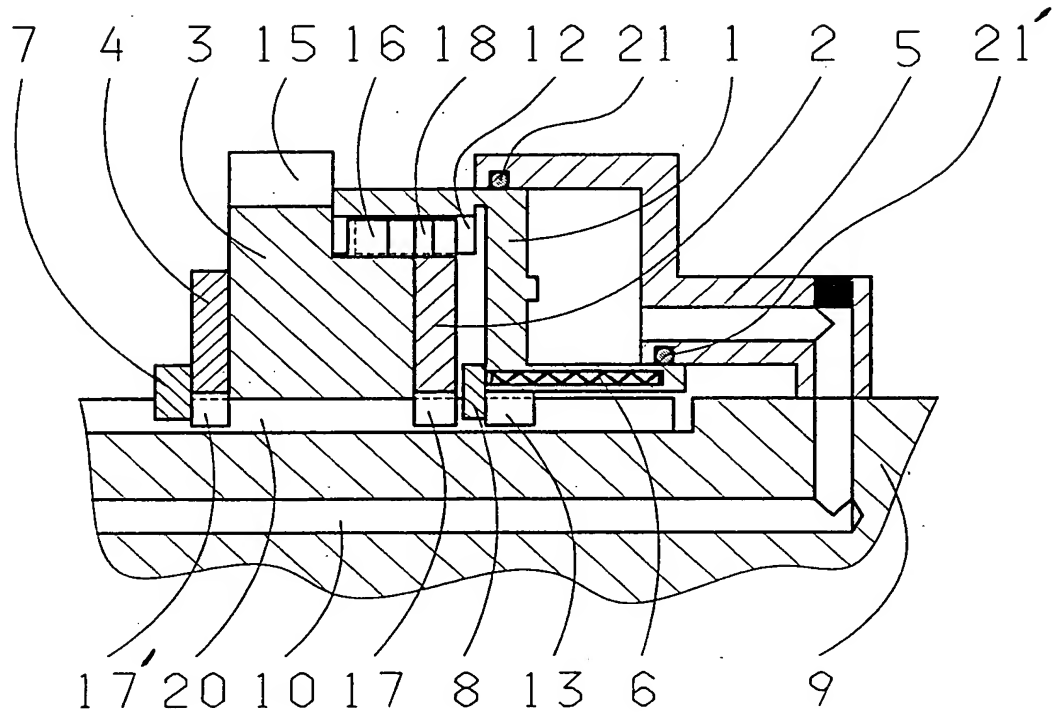
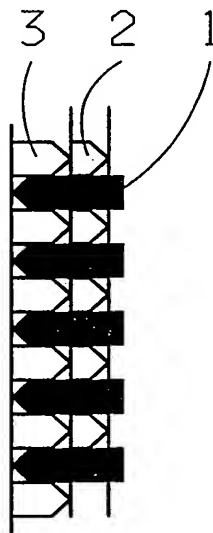


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Fig. 7

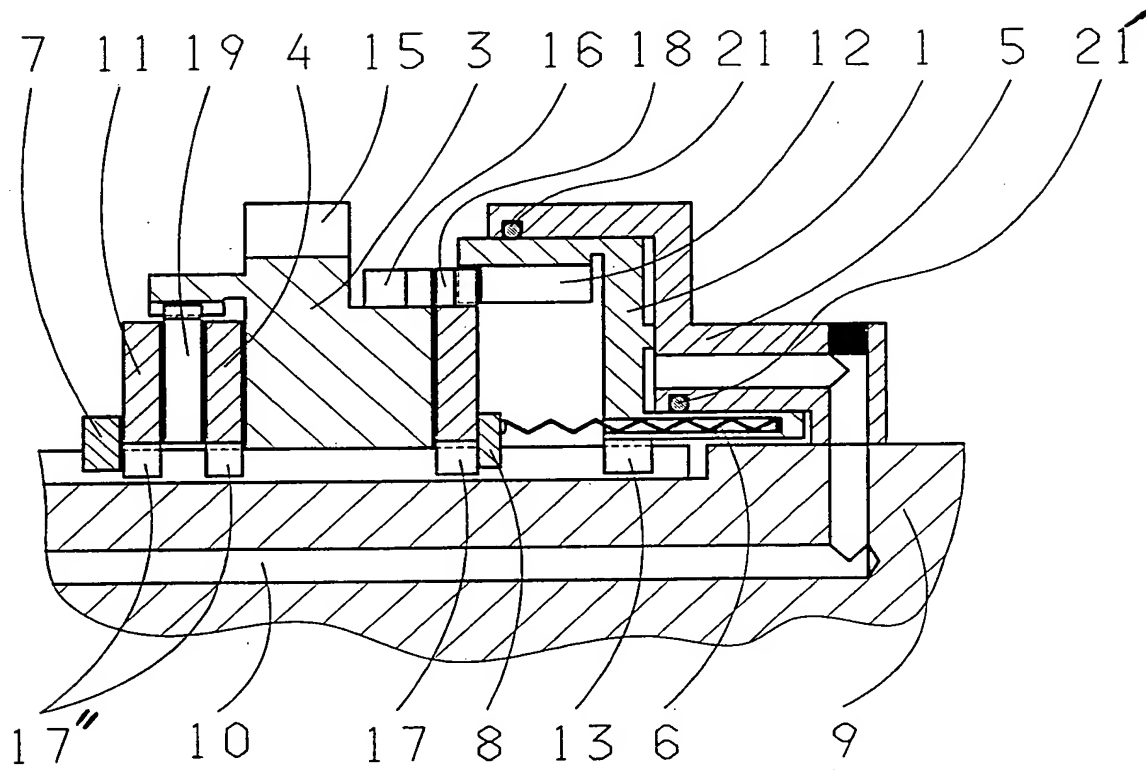


Fig. 8

